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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of a first Office Action, but before the prosecution has closed in this application.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed International Preliminary Report on Patentability from a corresponding or related International Application: International Preliminary Report on Patentability from International Application No. PCT/US2004/026279, dated January 18, 2006.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following are remarks concerning the cited non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

English language translations for each of DE 198 41 890 and JP55-179620 are provided herein. An English language abstract for JP63-196624 is provided herein, and the figures and English language abstract are believed to explain the relevance to the extent known by Applicants.

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

PART V: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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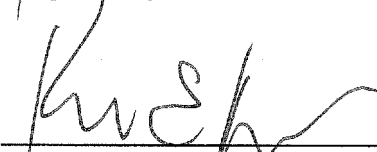
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. K0502.70037US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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